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AMENDMENT

(Amended Claims under Article 34)

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Applicant: ZEXEL VALEO CLIMATE CONTROL CORPORATION

Title: GASKET FOR COMPRESSOR

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AMENDED CLAIMS (under PCT § 34)

1. (amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is force-fed and having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion, wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not set on a single plane;

said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface; and

an outer edge of said flat surface does not have a shape similar to the shape of said inner edge.

2. A gasket for a compressor according to claim 1, wherein:

said raised portion is constituted with a flat surface set at a height different from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which links said flat surface with said base surface.

3. A gasket for a compressor according to claim 2, disposed between a cylinder block and a valve plate, wherein:

an inner edge of said flat surface of said raised portion surrounding a cylinder formed at said cylinder block is not circular.

4. (deleted)

5. (amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 1, wherein:

said outer edge of said flat surface in the entirety thereof comes in contact with an intake valve and only a specific portion of said inner edge comes in contact with said intake valve.

6. A gasket for a compressor according to claim 5, wherein:

said specific portion corresponds to a connecting base portion of a lead portion of said intake valve.

7. (amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is force-fed, having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion and disposed between a valve plate and a cylinder head, wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not positioned on a single plane; and

said raised portion is disposed so as to seal at least a high/low pressure barrier wall and an atmospheric pressure barrier wall.

8. A gasket for a compressor according to claim 7, wherein:

said inclined surface is disposed so as to come in contact with said high/low pressure barrier wall or said atmospheric pressure barrier wall.

9. A gasket for a compressor according to claim 7 or claim 8, wherein:

a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.

10. (amended) A gasket for a compressor according to any of claims 1 through 3 and 5 through 9, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is force-fed.